

HORATIO GROOMES.

JANUARY 16, 1857.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. SAPP, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Horatio Groomes, respectfully report:

The memorialist prays a pension for flesh wounds, of no permanent injury, which he thinks, however, in consideration of the gallant service in which he was engaged, should be granted to him. He alleges that during the war of 1812, whilst he was a private in Captain Richard Matson's company, in the regiment commanded by Colonel John Allen, the major of the battalion, afterwards Governor George Madison, of Kentucky, made an appeal to the volunteers for some one of them to make the attempt and set fire to a barn then occupied by a large British and Indian force. The petitioner volunteered his services, and made two efforts, in the last of which he succeeded in setting fire to and destroying the barn. In making his retreat, he received two flesh wounds, and his clothes were completely riddled with balls. This is the statement of the memorialist. No evidence accompanies his petition. The committee, therefore, without expressing an opinion as to the merits of the claim, ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

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